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	Examiner	Art Unit
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2005.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 6-10 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/18/05.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yin et al. (US 5,982,748) in view of Ho et al. (US 6,687,254).

For claim 1, Yin et al. disclose, method and apparatus for controlling admission of connection requests, comprising:

receiving a QoS (Quality of Service) specified connection request (figure 3, reference 54, col. 5 lines 51-53);

calculating an assigned bandwidth on a link associated with the QoS-specified connection request (figure 3, reference 60, Table 2, col. 5 lines 61-62);

determining whether the QoS-specified connection request is accepted based on a combination of the assigned bandwidth and the average bandwidth (figure 3, col. 6 lines 9-19). However, Yin et al. does not disclose calculating an average bandwidth to be assigned to existing QoS-unspecified traffic on the link associated with the QoS specified connection request. In an analogous art, Ho et al. disclose calculating an average bandwidth to be assigned to existing QoS unspecified traffic on the link associated with the QoS-specified connection request (col. 11 lines 24-27).

One skilled in the art would have recognized calculating an average bandwidth to be assigned to existing QoS-unspecified traffic, and would have applied Ho et al's MCR in Yin et al's connection request for a particular class of service. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to use Ho et al's flexible threshold based buffering system for use in digital communication devices in Yin et al's method and apparatus for controlling admission of connection requests with the motivation being fairly distribute buffer space based on the number of active connections and MCR proportions thereof (col. 11 lines 21-24).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 6-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 6, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of: a call admission manager for calculating an estimated bandwidth by adding up average QoS-unspecified traffic for all existing QoS-unspecified connections on a link associated with a QoS-specified connection request, wherein the estimated bandwidth is a bandwidth to be assigned to the existing QoS-unspecified connections on the link, and determining whether the QoS-specified connection request is accepted based on a combination of the estimated bandwidth and an assigned bandwidth that is already assigned in the link, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

Regarding claim 9, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of:

a calculator for adding up existing QoS-unspecified traffic obtained at predetermined sampling time intervals to produce a first average QoS-unspecified traffic, and calculating an estimated bandwidth by averaging a predetermined number of the first average QoS unspecified traffic for existing QoS-unspecified connections on a link associated with a QoS-specified connection request, where the estimated bandwidth is a bandwidth to be assigned to the existing QoS-unspecified connections on the link; and

a call admission manager for determining whether the QoS-specified connection request is accepted based on a combination of the estimated bandwidth and an assigned bandwidth that is already assigned in the link, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment on 03/18/05 necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3153. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00AM-4:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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